Replacement of Jumbo air craft fleet by Air India

921. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India propose to replace its fleet of Jumbo air craft; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Road accidents

922. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether rate of road accidents in India viz., 34.6 per 10,000 vehicles is highest in the world;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the steps Government are taking to reduce this rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. The rate of road accidents per 10,000 vehicles in India, which was 251 during 1984, is not the highest.

(b) and (c) The main reasons for road accidents are human failure, bad roads, mechanical defect in vehicles and increasing vehicle population. Some of the steps taken on a continuing basis to reduce accidents are tightening of rules and regulations for issue of driving licences strict medical tests, vehicle certification tests, enforcement of safe exle weights, geomatric intersection improvements.

Japan airlines cargo uplifted by British Airways at Indira Gandhi International Airport

923. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of October 13, 1986 to the effect that the West bound cargo booked by Japan Airlines was uplifted by British Airways from the Indira Gandhi International Airport Cargo complex;

(b) whether Government have conducted investigation in the case;

(c) if so, what is the result thereof and the action taken by Government against the erring persons; and

(d) what action is being taken to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter has been investigated by the I.A.A.I. The investigation reveals that the pallet load in question was not tagged by Japan Airlines when it was put in the stacker. The pallet was retrieved by British Airways and shifted to ramp-side without verification. Since loading of cargo into the aircraft is the responsibility of the concerned airlines, no action is proposed to be taken against the IAAI officials.

(d) The airlines have been advised to fix their destination tags when the loaded pallets are stacked in the stackers for clear identification of the pallets and to recheck the tags before loading on to the aircraft.

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924. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-